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In re Patent Application of:  
Paul J. Rudeck

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For: METHOD TO REMOVE AN OXIDE SEAM  
ALONG GATE STACK EDGE, WHEN  
NITRIDE SPACER FORMATION BEGINS

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Examiner: L. M. Schillinger

**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated July 26, 2007, finally rejecting claims 9-13 and 66, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.